GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IRON DEFICIENCY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women and children suffering from the iron deficiency in the country, State-wise/Union Territory- wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to take some steps to eradicate this disease from the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) The National Family Health Survey II has been conducted in the country during 1998-99.The preliminary findings in respect of children and women suffering from iron deficiency in a number of States/Uts. are placed at Annexure.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government has taken steps to control iron deficiency in the country.

(c) The Government of India is implementing the National Nutritional Anaemia Prophylaxis Programme under which Iron and Folic Acid tablets are being distributed through Sub- centres and Primary Health Centres to targeted population viz.Pregnant women, lactating women, Family Planning acceptors and children. A multi-pronged strategy for prevention and management of iron deficiency in women and children is being implemented in the Ninth Five-Year Plan.

Annexure

The National Family Health Survey II (1998-99) has been conducted in the country. Preliminary findings reveal the following information in respect of children and women suffering from iron deficiency.

S.No.	State	Percentage of children With iron deficiency	Percentage of women with iron deficiency
1.	Andhra Pradesh	68.0	50.0
2.	Bihar	79.1	63.6
3.	Gujarat	70.0	46.0
4.	Haryana	78.0	47.2
5.	Madhya Pradesh	71.5	54.4
6.	Assam	62.4	69.0
7	Punjab	74.7	41.5
8.	Rajasthan	76.4	48.7
9.	Tamil Nadu	66.1	56.5
10.	Uttar Pradesh	70.8	48.7
11.	West Bengal	75.8	62.9
12.	Orissa	71.3	63.1
13.	Goa	51.6	36.4
14.	Maharashtra	72.2	48.6

15. Sikkim	77.0		62.0
16.Himachal Pradesh	40.5	67.3	